

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3 and 5 are pending in this application. The Examiner's allowance of

Claims 3 and 5 is gratefully acknowledged. In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,838,250 (Maekawa) in

view of U.S. Patent No. 6,400,903 (Conoval) and U.S. Patent No. 6,380,968 (Alexander et al.).

It is requested that this application be considered in view of the enclosed Declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. The enclosed 131 Declarations are being submitted "with a first reply after final rejection for the purpose of overcoming a new ground of rejection or requirement in

the final rejection." MPEP section 715.09(C)(1). It is noted that, at ¶7 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection

presented in this Office action." Accordingly, good and sufficient reason exists under Rule 1.116(e) for not earlier presenting such Declarations.

Claims 1 and 2, which are the only pending claims that are not allowed, were rejected in view of the combination of Maekawa, Conoval and Alexander et al.

The enclosed Declarations establish reduction to practice of the invention of the pending application in the Republic of Korea prior to December 22, 2000, which is the effective filing

date of Conoval.

Specifically, Exhibit A of each enclosed Declaration is an invention disclosure document showing that the invention of the pending application was completed at least before

December 22, 2000. A certified translation of the invention disclosure document is provided at Exhibit B to each Declaration.

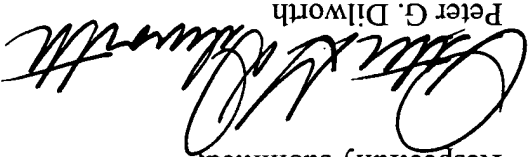
Further, Exhibit C of each enclosed Declaration is a certified translation of Korean patent application number 2001-7670, which was filed with the Korean Industrial Property Office on

February 16, 2001, to which the pending application claims priority.

For completeness, it is noted that the Conoval reference claims priority to a provisional application 60/173,021. Review of provisional application 60/173,021 confirms that at least the "universal adaptor (25, Fig. 3B) capable of detachably mounting with a camera for controlling a posture of the mounted camera and position movement of the universal adaptor upon receiving a posture and position control command" (Office Action, middle of page 3) alleged by the Examiner is not included in provisional application 60/173,021. A copy of provisional application 60/173,021 is enclosed.

Accordingly, each of the rejected pending claims, i.e. Claims 1 and 2, are believed to be in condition for allowance. The other pending claims, i.e. Claims 3 and 5, are allowed. Issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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131 Declaration of Chae-Won LIM; and
Provisional application 60/173,021.